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1. The Polish Government has sought to divert the people's attention from their poor living conditions, allegedly caused by the export of large amounts of foodstuffs, to China and East Germany, by pointing out to them the gains that have been made in industry and reconstruction, and the surpassing of the norms which were set up in the Six-Year Plan.

[there have been some gains in reconstruction and industry, but as an example of the reverse situation] [the construction of the new foundry near Kraków,] [been under construction for four years, and] [will not be ready for production for a long time. The delay has been caused by the failure of the USSR to delivery material and equipment to the foundry.]

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2. As examples of some gains, [the construction of the large dam at Brzeg (Brieg) on the Oder River: 60,000 tons of concrete have already been poured into the dam. The water level in the upper part of the Oder River will be raised to a point where barges of 1,000 DWT will be able to sail to Kozle (Cosel), which is at present impossible. [the construction of the Oder-Danube canal, which will have its point of origin somewhere near Kozle, has been started and there are several brigades of the SP (Service to Poland) employed on this project.]

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3. The work at the assembly plant for Star 20 trucks at Starachowice has been accelerated and the 3,000 th truck is expected to roll off the assembly line in the near future. Some of the parts for these trucks are produced in the USSR, some in Lublin, and some small parts are constructed at Starachowice. The assembling of these trucks was at a standstill for some time because the Soviets were delivering defective parts to the plant and the Poles could not complain about it.

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